

REMARKS

The originally-filed drawings are objected to for not showing the belt pretensioner recited in claims 10 and 15. The enclosed two sheets show proposed drawing changes that, together with amendments to the specification, depict and identify the belt pretensioner.

The informalities in the specification identified by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action are cured by the amendments to paragraphs 0022 and 0026.

Claims 12, 14-17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. These claims are amended to cure the noted defects.

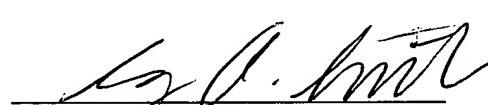
Claims 1-4, 8, 10-12 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 1, 14 and 18 are amended to recite the key feature of the present invention: the belt guides are moved in response to detection that a crash of the motor vehicle has occurred or is imminent. This language finds support in the specification at paragraph 0035.

This added language distinguishes the present invention from the prior art cited by the Examiner, all of which is directed toward seat belt presenters that do not move in response to a detected crash condition. Kohlndorfer et al includes a seat belt pretensioner 160 that operates independently from the presenter by pulling on the buckle 26 in the conventionally known manner, but this reference does not teach or suggest movement of a belt guide in reaction to a crash.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance in all respects, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below. Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

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Annotated sheet showing changes



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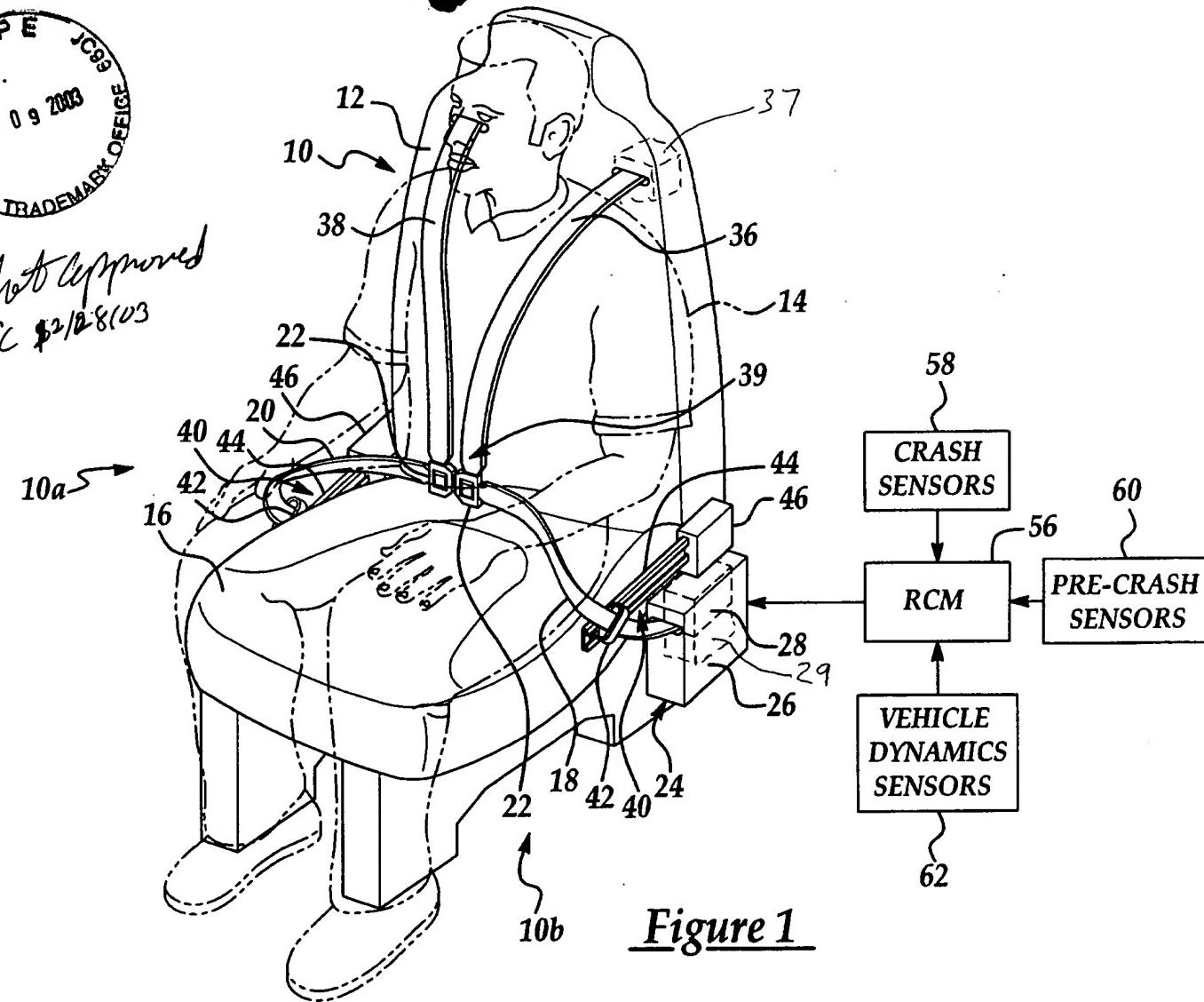


Figure 1



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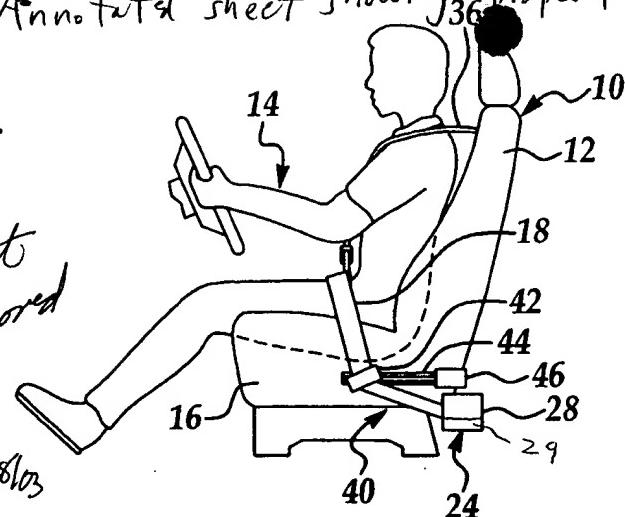


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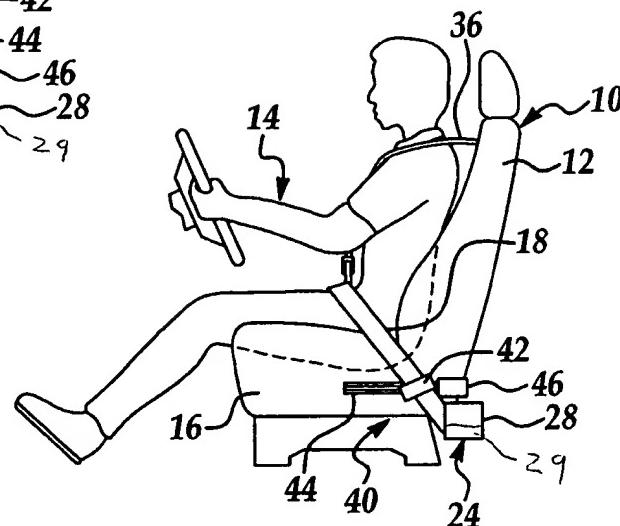


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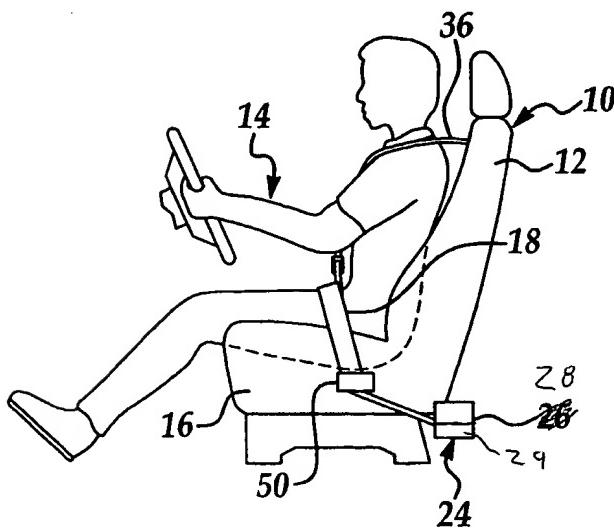


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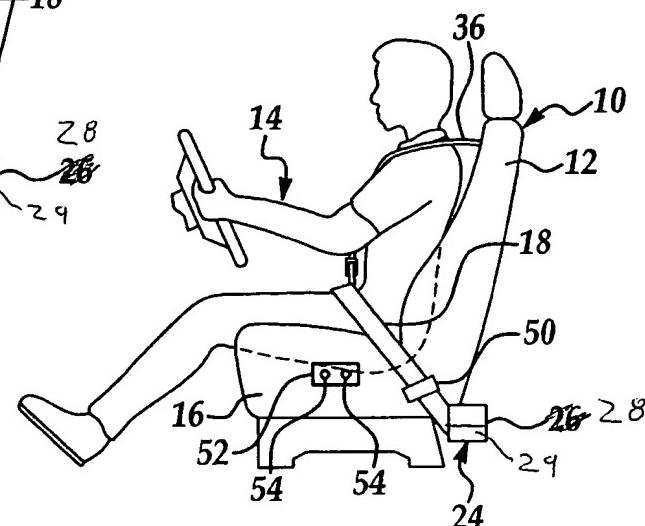


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